

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/800,588

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the filing of 05/24/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 7-26.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 0621.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

REJOINDER

1. Claims 1-5, and 7-15 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Official Gazette notice dated March 26, 1996 (1184 O.G. 86), claims 16-26, directed to the process of making or using the patentable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are now subject to being rejoined. Process claims 16-26 are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104. Claim 27, not directed to the process of making or using the patentable product, will not be rejoined.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Deborah Sharfman on 06/18/2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims:

Claim 1, line 5, delete "isocyanate" and insert --diisocyanate--.

Claim 5, lines 5 and 8, delete "isocyanate" and insert --diisocyanate--.

Claim 10, line 3, delete ":" after "consisting of"; line 4, delete "catalysts" and insert --catalyst--.

Rewrite claim 13:

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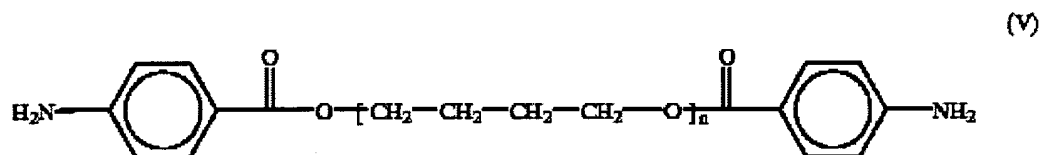
The building element according to claim 11, wherein said supporting substrate is a rigid or flexible sheet made of a material selected from the group consisting of metal, concrete, brick, wood and plasterboard.

Rewrite claim 26:

A method for making a polyurethane foam, comprising the steps of:

simultaneously reacting and foaming a mixture comprising at least one polyol with at least one diisocyanate compound in the presence of a water-based foaming agent, and

adding to said mixture 0.1 to 4 parts by weight of a polyamine having the formula



wherein n is an integer of from 1 to 20, and wherein said polyurethane foam comprises a foamed structure consisting of closed cells substantially free therein of optionally halogenated hydrocarbon foaming agents, said polyurethane foam having an adhesion to a supporting substrate, measured according to standards EN 1607, equal to or higher than 0.7 kg/cm².

Cancel claim 27.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Note that the examiner's amendment and Applicant's amendment are sufficient to overcome the 112 claim rejections and sufficient to place the instant claims in condition for allowance. The inclusion of a small amount of a polyamine having the formula as recite in the claims to increase the adhesion strength of the polyurethane foam to a supporting substrate renders the present application patentable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hai Vo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1485. The examiner can normally be reached on M,T,Th, F, 7:00-4:30 and on alternating Wednesdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on (571) 272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terrel Morris", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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